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This is a final response to your letter of 10 March 1981 in which you requested information from the files of this Agency under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Specifically, you asked for two items in connection with the Bay of Pigs invasion. Please note that we partially answered your request on 26 March 1981, when we forwarded one of the items you requested.

Concerning the other item, a retrospective CIA analysis of what went wrong at the Bay of Pigs by Lyman Kirkpatrick, we must deny it in toto under the exemption provisions of subsections (b)(1), (b)(3), and (b)(5) of the FOIA. The applicability of these exemptions is explained in an enclosure.

The denying official for the above item was Mr. Charles A. Briggs, Inspector General.

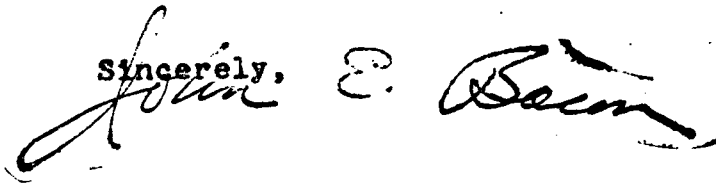
I am advising you of your right to appeal this decision by addressing your appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee, in my care. Should you choose to do so, please set forth the basis of your appeal.

There are no charges for this request, as search fees were under \$6. Incidentally, we are continuing to process your additional request and will provide you with a cost estimate as soon as possible.

We wish to apologize for the length of time it has taken us to complete the processing of your request. We have been veritably inundated, however, by a large number of requests over the past several years. Under the circumstances, we can

only do our best to apportion our time and efforts in a manner calculated to satisfy as many of our requesters as possible. Thus, we have adopted the policy of first-received, first-answered. Thank you for your patience and consideration while we were completing your request.

Sincerely,



John E. Bacon  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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